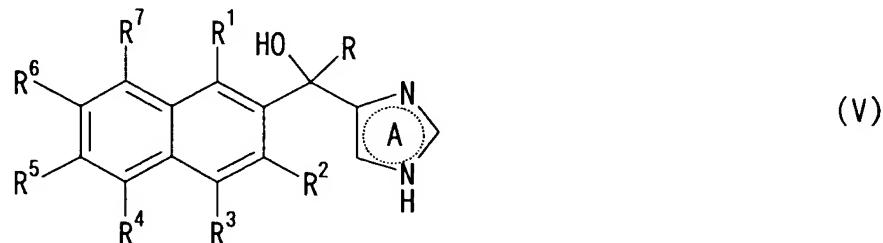


### Abstract

The present invention provides an industrially advantageous production method of compound (V) having a steroid C<sub>17,20</sub> lyase inhibitory action, which affords this compound in a 5 high yield with a less number of steps without using a heavy metal compound:



wherein ring A is an optionally substituted imidazole ring, R is an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group or a 10 heterocyclic group, and R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup> and R<sup>7</sup> are each a hydrogen atom, an optionally substituted hydrocarbon group, OH, SH or NH<sub>2</sub>, an acyl group or a halogen and the like.